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VIENNA FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

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TAGS: PFOR, GW, WB, US, UR, OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO BERLIN: SOVIET DEMARCHE

ON FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER

REFS: A. BONN 7869(NOTAL); B. BERLIN 5712

BEGIN SUMMARY. FRG HAS INFORMED ALLIES IN BONN GROUP OF SOVIET DEMARCHE CONCERNING FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S PLAN TO GO TO BERLIN. FRG WILL TRY TO DE-EMPHASIZE MATTER AND HAS TOLD SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN BONN THAT GENSCHER'S ACCOMPANYING THE SECRETARY IS AN ACT OF COURTESY FOR A GOOD FRIEND. END SUMMARY

1. FRG REP (KASTRUP) INFORMED BONN GROUP MAY 16 THAT ON MAY 14 SOVIET AMBASSADOR ABRASIMOV HAD ASKED GAUS, HEAD OF FRG PERMANENT REPRESENTATION IN EAST BERLIN, CONFIDENTIAL

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TO CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE (ENGLISH TRANSLATION AS

GIVEN BY KASTRUP) TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND FEDERAL
CHANCELLOR:

"THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS LEARNED FROM ARTICLES
IN TAGESSPIEGEL THAT FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER INTENDS
TO ACCOMPANY AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER TO
BERLIN ON MAY 21. SUCH AN ACCOMPANIMENT OF SECRETARY
KISSINGER BY MINISTER GENSCHER WOULD BE REGARDED BY
THE SOVIET UNION AND BY THE GDR AS A HIGHLY QUESTION-
ABLE ACTION ON THE PART OF THE FEDERAL GOVERN-
MENT, WHICH WOULD BE A DEMONSTRATION OF FEDERAL
PRESENCE THROUGH AN UNSUITABLE OCCASION. IN SUCH A
CASE THE FRG MUST COUNT ON DISADVANTAGEOUS REACTIONS
FROM THE SIDE OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE GDR."

2. KASTRUP SAID CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND GENSCHER
DISCUSSED SOVIET DEMARCHE AND DECIDED THAT GENSCHER
WOULD PROCEED WITH PLANS TO ACCOMPANY SECRETARY.
AS FOR RESPONDING TO DEMARCHE, INITIAL DECISION WAS
THAT POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL WOULD RAISE IT AT
MEETING WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR FALIN PREVIOUSLY
SCHEDULED FOR MAY 16. EARLIER ON MAY 16, HOWEVER,
FALIN HAD CANCELLED MEETING, AND FRG PLAN AS OF
AFTERNOON MAY 16, WAS THAT VAN WELL WOULD TRY TO
REACH FALIN BY TELEPHONE IN AFTERNOON TO ASK WHEN
MEETING MIGHT TAKE PLACE. VAN WELL WOULD SAY HE
WOULD BE VERY BUSY NEXT WEEK, IN PART BECAUSE HE
WOULD BE ACCOMPANYING GENSCHER TO BERLIN; HE
WOULD CONTINUE THAT, APPROPRIATE OF THAT VISIT, AND TO
AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDING, HE WANTED TO EMPHASIZE
THAT GENSCHER WOULD BE ACCOMPANYING A GOOD FRIEND
TO BERLIN AS AN ACT OF COURTESY.

3. WE HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED THAT VAN WELL DID
REACH FALIN LATE MAY 16 AND DELIVERED MESSAGE AS
PLANNED. FALIN'S ONLY COMMENT WAS THAT HE WOULD
TAKE NOTE OF WHAT WAS SAID BUT THAT SOVIET POSITION
WAS WELL KNOWN.
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